



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Ralf Reiner Schumann and Norbert Lamping

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For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEPTICAEMIA, ITS

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AMENDMENT

Please extend the time for response by 3 months, now to expire on December 18, 2001. Please charge the small entity fee of \$460 for the 3-month time extension to deposit account no. 060923.

In response to the Office Letter mailed on June 18, 2001, please cancel claims 15-17 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

12. (Amended) An agent for the treatment of septicemia containing as the active component, lipopolysaccharide binding protein (LBP).

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13. (Amended) The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises human LBP.

14. (Amended) The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises murine LBP.

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